What is claimed is:

- A method of forming a composite tungsten film, comprising: sequentially depositing tungsten nucleation layers and tungsten bulk layers on a substrate to form a composite tungsten layer, wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers and the tungsten bulk layers have a thickness less than about 300 Å.
- 2. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the tungsten bulk layers has a thickness within a range of about 150 Å to about 250 Å.
- 3. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers has a thickness within a range of about 15 Å to about 50 Å.
- 4. The method of claim 1 wherein the composite tungsten film has a thickness within a range of about 500 Å to about 3000 Å.
- 5. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers is deposited by alternately adsorbing a tungsten-containing precursor and a reducing gas on the substrate.
- 6. The method of claim 5 wherein the tungsten-containing precursor is selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) and tungsten carbonyl (W(CO)₆).
- 7. The method of claim 5 wherein the reducing gas is selected from the group consisting of silane (SiH₄), disilane (Si₂H₆), dichlorosilane (SiCl₂H₂), borane (BH₃), diborane (B₂H₆), triborane (B₃H₉), tetraborane (B₄H₁₂), pentaborane (B₅H₁₅), hexaborane (B₆H₁₈), heptaborane (B₇H₂₁), octaborane (B₈H₂₄), nanoborane (B₉H₂₇) and decaborane (B₁₀H₃₀).

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- 8. The method of claim 5 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 200 °C to about 400 °C.
- 9. The method of claim 5 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 1 torr to about 10 torr.
- 10. The method of claim 1 wherein each of the tungsten bulk layers is deposited by thermally decomposing a gas mixture comprising a tungsten-containing precursor.
- 11. The method of claim 10 wherein the tungsten-containing precursor is selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) and tungsten carbonyl (W(CO)₆).
- 12. The method of claim 10 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 450 °C to about 650 °C.
- 13. The method of claim 10 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 10 torr to about 30 torr.
- 14. The method of claim 1 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in a different process chamber than that used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.
- 15. The method of claim 1 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in the same process chamber used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.
- 16. A method of forming a composite tungsten film, comprising:

sequentially depositing tungsten nucleation layers and tungsten bulk layers on a substrate to form a composite tungsten layer, wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers is deposited by alternately adsorbing a tungsten-containing precursor and a reducing gas on the substrate and wherein each of

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the tungsten bulk layers is deposited by thermally decomposing a gas mixture comprising a tungsten-containing precursor.

- 17. The method of claim 16 wherein each of the tungsten bulk layers has a thickness within a range of about 150 Å to about 250 Å.
- 18. The method of claim 16 wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers has a thickness within a range of about 15 Å to about 50 Å.
- 19. The method of claim 16 wherein the composite tungsten film has a thickness within a range of about 500 Å to about 3000 Å.
- 20. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten-containing precursor is selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) and tungsten carbonyl (W(CO)₆).
- 21. The method of claim 16 wherein the reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of silane (SiH₄), disilane (Si₂H₆), dichlorosilane (SiCl₂H₂), borane (BH₃), diborane (B₂H₆), triborane (B₃H₉), tetraborane (B₄H₁₂), pentaborane (B₅H₁₅), hexaborane (B₆H₁₈), heptaborane (B₇H₂₁), octaborane (B₈H₂₄), nanoborane (B₉H₂₇) and decaborane (B₁₀H₃₀).
- 22. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 200 °C to about 400 °C.
- 23. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 1 torr to about 10 torr.
- 24. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 450 °C to about 650 °C.
- 25. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 10 torr to about 30 torr.

- 26. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in a different process chamber than that used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.
- 27. The method of claim 16 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in the same process chamber used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.
- 28. A method of forming a composite tungsten film for use in a memory cell, comprising:

providing a substrate structure, wherein the substrate structure includes an insulating material having at least one aperture therein; and sequentially depositing tungsten nucleation layers and tungsten bulk layers on a substrate to form a composite tungsten layer, wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers and the tungsten bulk layers have a thickness less than about 300 Å.

- 29. The method of claim 28 wherein each of the tungsten bulk layers has a thickness within a range of about 150 Å to about 250 Å.
- 30. The method of claim 28 wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers has a thickness within a range of about 15 Å to about 50 Å.
- 31. The method of claim 28 wherein the composite tungsten film has a thickness within a range of about 500 Å to about 3000 Å.
- 32. The method of claim 28 wherein each of the tungsten nucleation layers is deposited by alternately adsorbing a tungsten-containing precursor and a reducing gas on the substrate.

- 33. The method of claim 32 wherein the tungsten-containing precursor is selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) and tungsten carbonyl (W(CO)₆).
- 34. The method of claim 32 wherein the reducing compound is selected from the group consisting of silane (SiH₄), disilane (Si₂H₆), dichlorosilane (SiCl₂H₂), borane (BH₃), diborane (B₂H₆), triborane (B₃H₉), tetraborane (B₄H₁₂), pentaborane (B₅H₁₅), hexaborane (B₆H₁₈), heptaborane (B₇H₂₁), octaborane (B₈H₂₄), nanoborane (B₉H₂₇) and decaborane (B₁₀H₃₀).
- 35. The method of claim 32 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 200 °C to about 400 °C.
- 36. The method of claim 32 wherein the tungsten nucleation layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 1 torr to about 10 torr.
- 37. The method of claim 28 wherein each of the tungsten bulk layers is deposited by thermally decomposing a gas mixture comprising a tungsten-containing precursor.
- 38. The method of claim 37 wherein the tungsten-containing precursor is selected from the group consisting of tungsten hexafluoride (WF₆) and tungsten carbonyl (W(CO)₆).
- 39. The method of claim 37 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a temperature within a range of about 450 °C to about 650 °C.
- 40. The method of claim 37 wherein the tungsten bulk layer is deposited at a pressure within a range of about 10 torr to about 30 torr.
- 41. The method of claim 32 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in a different process chamber than that used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.

- 42. The method of claim 32 wherein the tungsten nucleation layers are deposited in the same process chamber used to deposit the tungsten bulk layers.
- 43. The method of claim 32 wherein the composite tungsten film is used for at least one of word and bit metallization in the memory cell.